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February 28th 1839.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the February, (date omitted,) and am happy to find it explicit, and so far as I can judge, satisfactory.

You may rely upon it, that I will receive no charges or insinuations affecting your establishment that shall not be communicated to you; and my letter of the 5th inst. must have convinced you of this. The dismissal of Mr Stafford drew a long letter from him, which is answered only in my letter to yourself. I have also received letters from Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Tyler, but principally of a private character, of which every thing that directly concerns your Superintendence was promptly communicated to you, — except one question which I forgot. It was as to the proper disposition of the assay pieces cut from the bars and ingots. The answer is evident, and is, I do not doubt, in accordance with your own views. As all the bullion, from which the assay pieces are cut, is charged to the Melter & Refiner, so all the metal in the assayer's hands must be, from time to time, returned to that officer.

There is no circumstance, in the management of the Mints, about which I am more anxious, than

that there should be good understanding, kindly intercourse, and cordial Co-operation among the officers. This desire is not less felt by the heads of government. In a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the 26th inst. he says, "The President, as well as this Department, hopes and believes, that you will do all in your power to reconcile any difficulties which may exist among the officers of the Branch Mints, and that their operations may be rendered as efficient and creditable to all concerned as possible." This remark has more immediate reference to another of the Branches; but in as far as it may also be applicable to your Mint, I do most sincerely and confidently hope that no exertion will be wanting on your part, to bring about mutual confidence and peace.

On the 26th inst. I sent to the Secretary of the Treasury a box containing two prices of half dollar dies, for your Mint, which he will forward to you under his frank.

Very respectfully
your faithful Servt
(Signed)
R. M. Patterson
Director

To/
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Sup. Br. Mint
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